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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service in the China Mail)

TRIPLE ALLIANCE DECISION.

"MINERS STAGGERED AND ANGERED."

EXTREMISTS ACTIVE.

EXPENSIVE EMERGENCY MEASURES CONTINUE.

LONDON, April 17.

Reports from the coalfields where distress is growing owing to the exhaustion of strike funds indicate that the miners are staggered and angered at the decision of their Alliance partners. More moderate men are inclined to negotiate a wage settlement on a district basis. Many are said to be anxious to resume work immediately but the extremists are urging a national appeal to workers to join the strike and that steps be taken to prevent even the officials pumping the pits. Meanwhile military and other emergency arrangements continue costing £250,000 a day. The Board of Trade announces drastic restrictions in the use of fuel, light and power, and the cancellation of many main line trains on Monday has been notified. The coal shortage is resulting in long queues in London for permits to purchase coal.

COAL CONSUMPTION RESTRICTED.

LONDON, April 17.

The Government is further restricting coal consumption. Up to the present important industries have been allowed 50 per cent. of their normal supplies. Henceforth this can be permitted only in exceptional circumstances. Heat, light, and power undertakings have received peremptory instructions to reduce supplies. Train services will be further reduced to-morrow.

LONDON, April 16.

[These are passages omitted from the messages in this morning's papers, addenda sent by the Cable Company.]

Reports from all parts of the country showed a growing reluctance to embark on a disastrous struggle for what were regarded as political and not strictly economic ends. The elaborate preparations of the government to maintain the transport of food by volunteers had been largely supported by the working class, many of whom frankly looked forward to transferring their services during the strike from the unions to the State. There was no enthusiasm anywhere for anything like revolution.

The general conclusion, as on previous occasions, is to show that the communist element, though exceedingly local, represents an infinitesimal minority of the British workers, of whom the great majority are law-abiding citizens whose voices are not heard in the deliberations of their unions, but whose weight is irresistibly felt in such a crisis as that just past.

SHIPPING SLUMP.

LLOYD'S REGISTER'S STRIKING FIGURES.

EFFECT OF FALL IN FREIGHTS.

LONDON, April 17.

The effects of the shipping slump owing to the fall in freights are strikingly illustrated by Lloyd's Register which shows that mercantile shipping under 3,000,000 tons was being constructed in the United Kingdom on March 31, after deducting \$47,000 tons on which work had been suspended owing to the slump or the completion of which had been postponed owing to the joiners' strike. Compared with the quarter ending December 31, 1920, the tonnage launched had decreased by 145,000. The tonnage commenced was 113,000, while the tonnage being prepared but not commenced had fallen 75 per cent., compared with a year ago. Some 3,288,000 tons were building abroad, a decrease of 183,000 tons compared with December 31, owing to the continued decrease in the United States.

FRANCE CENSURES WRANGEL.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK ARMY NOT TO BE FED.

PARIS, April 18.

General Wrangel's failure to accept France's suggestions as regards the disposal of his troops has drawn from the government a stinging note. They accuse Wrangel of ingratitude. In the face of France's heavy financial sacrifices, amounting to two hundred million francs, she refuses to continue to feed these troops, who are leading a life of idleness. The note declares that Wrangel has established in Constantinople a kind of Russian government with the object of preserving an organized army; this is a violation of international law.

JAPANESE PRINCE'S TOUR.

SEEING EGYPT.

PORT SAID, April 18.

The local authorities, notable men and Japanese residents of Egypt welcomed the Crown Prince aboard the ship. His Imperial Highness proceeds to Cairo on Monday in a special train.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS UNQUESTIONABLY DESIRABLE.

WASHINGTON, April 17.

In a letter replying to an enquiry from Mr. Coppers, the President of the Federation of Labour, Mr. Hughes, the Secretary of State, says that it is unquestionably desirable that commercial relations on an extensive scale should be established between the United States and Russia. The Government hopes that there may be adjustments in Russia enabling Russia to resume her proper place in the economic life of the world.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

TOULON, April 18.

The Australian cricketers arrived on board the Orient liner "Osterley," after an excellent voyage. They are in the best of health and are convinced that they are going to win. They travel overland to England on April 17.

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

PORT SAID, April 17.

The "Kashima" and "Katori" with the Japanese Crown Prince have arrived.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 5/8
To-day's opening rate 2/6 1/8

HONGKONG'S OPIUM.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING.

In the House of Commons Mr. Gershom Stewart asked the Secretary of State for India if he would state the amount of opium shipped from India to Hongkong and the Straits Settlements respectively in 1920; whether such opium is for local consumption only; whether, if the amount shipped is in excess of local requirements, what steps, if any, are taken to prevent the surplus being smuggled into China; and whether any opium was shipped direct from India to Macao and the Dutch East Indies, and, if so, how much?

Mr. E. S. Montagu: I regret that complete information regarding the question asked by my honourable friend is not available at present. I have asked the Government of India to supply it. As regards the prevention of smuggling from Hongkong and the Straits Settlements into China, I will ask my right honourable friend the Secretary of State for the Colonies if he can furnish the information.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

CAPTAIN'S COMPLAINT.

SECOND ENGINEER CHARGED.

Before Magistrate Lindell this morning, George Best, second engineer of the s.s. "Phuempun" was charged with having assaulted Capt. Bentley of the s.s. "Telemachus" on Connaught Road Central, outside the V.R.C. at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The defendant was alleged to have attacked the Captain from behind and in the fight that followed pulled both his ears for him, and knocked out a tooth. The cause of the alleged assault has not been ascertained.

Inspector Moore, who prosecuted, asked for a remand as the "Telemachus" left port yesterday. The "Phuempun" belonged to the same company as the "Telemachus" and the Inspector promised to see that the owners of the vessels have the parties in Court when the case comes up for hearing. The case was remanded until April 26.

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TO-NIGHT.

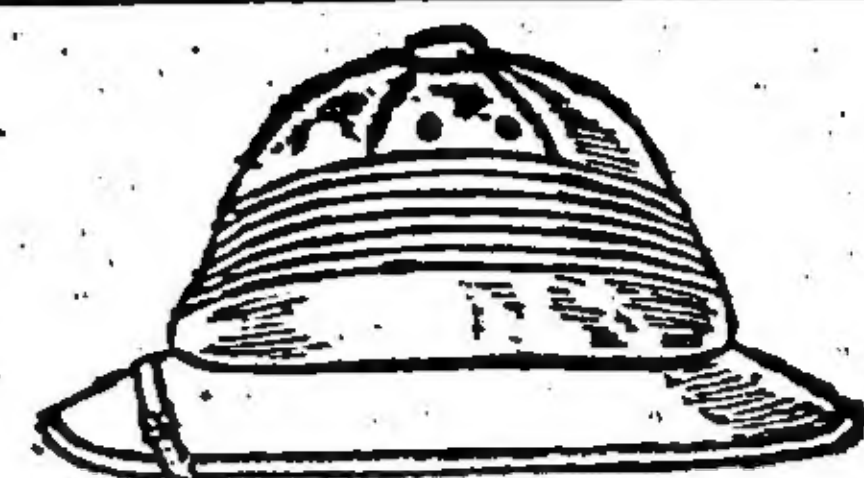
To-night the H. B. Waring Company will open their season herewith the well-known Anglo Indian play, "The Witness for the Defence." This will be remembered was the play in which Miss Ethel Irving made such a tremendous hit in London. So much has been written regarding the play and players that it merely remains now to call attention to the fact that this is the opening night of their Hongkong season and to wish them all the success which, according to the Indian and R.M.S. papers, they deserve. To-morrow one of their greatest successes, Mr. Pim Passee By, will be given, and following this "The Merchant of Venice." Particular attention is drawn to the fact that a special matinee is being given of this most popular of all Shakespearean plays on Saturday next at 5 p.m. These matinees have been a great success in India and should prove a big draw here.

One of the oldest of Hankow's early residents passed recently through that port homeward bound in the person of Mr. Nelson E. Bryant, Commissioner of Customs at Yochow, along with Mrs. and Miss Bryant. He came to Hankow 45 years ago as interpreter to the American Consulate. He has now retired and has earned a time of rest and recreation after his long service in the Customs.

Elaborate precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the Crown Prince of Japan during his stay in Colombo. Invitations to meet H.R.H. on the jetty were issued very sparingly, and those not in possession of tickets found it practically impossible to reach even the approaches. Queen's House was strongly guarded during the day, and at every entrance two soldiers were stationed with fixed bayonets, reinforced by two policemen.

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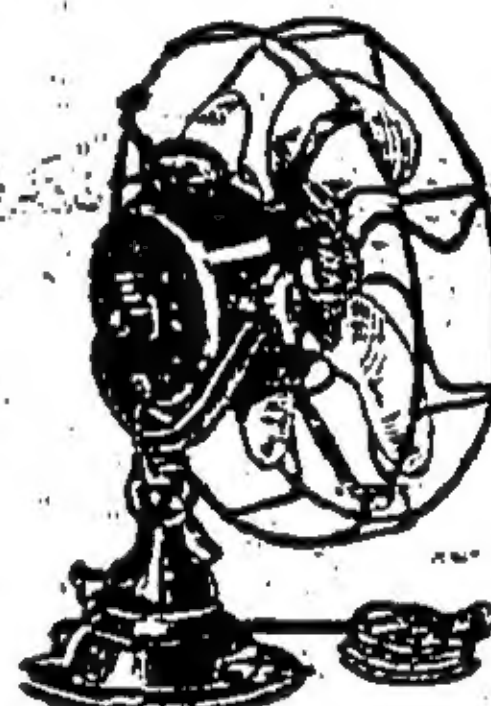
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Half hour, 15
One hour, 20
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charged outside the Western part of the
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charged to the East of Bay View Police
Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
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Quarter hour, 5 cents
Half hour, 10
Hour, 20
Every subsequent hour, 10III.—Tai Po Road.
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return 1.50... 4
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YELLOW DWARF.

BY SAXE ROHMER.

(Continued from Saturday.)

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"You say that some one heard the
sound of the shot?" I asked sud-
denly.
"Several people," replied Bristol;
"but no one knows, or no one will
say, from what direction it came. I
shall go on with the inquiry, of
course, and cross-examine every soul
in Wyatt's Buildings. Meanwhile,
I'm open to confess that I am beat-
en."When, some ten minutes later, I
passed out into the noise of Water-
loo Road, I left behind me an un-
solved mystery and took with me a
great dread: for I knew that the quest
of the sacred slipper was not ended. I
knew that another tragedy was added
to his history—and I feared to sur-
mise what the future might hold for
all of us.Deep in thought respecting the in-
explicable nature of this latest mys-
tery, I turned in the direction of the
bridge, and leaving behind me an
ever-swelling throng at the gate of
Wyatt's Buildings, proceeded west-
ward.Then, in upon my preoccupation
burst a woman's scream!I aroused myself from reverie, look-
ing about to right and left. Evidently
I had been walking slowly, for I was
less than a hundred yards from Wyatt's
Buildings and hard by the entrance
of an uninviting alley from which I
thought the scream had proceeded.And as I hesitated, for I had no
desire to become involved in a drunk-
en brawl, again came the shrill scream
—"Help! help!"I cannot say if I was the only
passer-by who heard the cry; certain-
ly I was the only one who responded
to it. I ran down the narrow street,
which was practically deserted, and
heard windows thrown up as I passed;
for the cries for help continued.Just beyond a patch of light cast
by a street lamp an old woman, from
whose hand a basket of provisions
had fallen, was struggling in the grasp
of a tall Oriental! He was evidently
trying to stuff her screams and at the
same time to pinion her arms behind
her.I perceived that there was more in
this scene than met the eye. And
since I carried a short sharp argu-
ment in my pocket I hastened to ad-
vance it.

At the sight of the gleaming re-

volver barrel, the man turned and
ran swiftly off. I had scarce a
glimpse of his pallid brown face ere
he was gone, nor did the thought of
pursuit enter my mind. I turned to
the old woman, who was dressed in
shabby black and who was rear-
ranging her thick veil in an oddly
composed manner, considering the
nature of the adventure that had be-
fallen her.She picked up her basket, and turn-
ed away. Needless to say I was rather
shocked at her callous ingratitude, for
she offered no word of thanks; did
not even glance in my direction, but
made off hurriedly toward Waterloo
Road. I perceived, as she passed
under an adjacent lamp, that her bas-
ket contained provisions such as a
woman of her appearance would
scarcely be expected to purchase. I
noted a bottle of wine, a chicken,
and a large pine-apple.The nationality of the assailant from
the first had marked the affair for no
ordinary one, and now a hazy notion
of what lay behind all this began to
come to me.Keeping well in the shadows on the
opposite side of the way, I followed
the woman with the basket. She
came out into Waterloo Road, crossed
over and stood waiting by a stopping-
place for electric cars. I saw her
arranging a cloth over her basket in
such a way as effectually to conceal
the contents. A strong mental excite-
ment possessed me. A theory, covering
all the facts of the assault inci-
dent, now presented itself, and I
stood back in the shadow, watchful;
in a degree, exultant.A Greenwich-bound car was hailed
by the woman with the basket. I
could not be mistaken, I felt sure, in
my belief that she cast furtive glances
about her as she mounted the step.
But, having seen her actually aboard,
my attention became elsewhere en-
gaged. All now depended upon secur-
ing a cab before the tramcar had passed
from view!I counted it an act of Providence
that a disengaged taxi appeared at that
moment, evidently bound for Waterloo
Station. I ran out into the road with
came upraised.As the man drew up, I cried:
—"Quick! You see that Greenwich
car—nearly at the Ophthalmic Hospi-
tal? Follow it. Don't get too near.
I will give you further instructions
through the tube."I leaped in. We were off!
The rocking car ahead was round-
ing the bend, now, toward St.
George's Circus. As it passed the
clock and entered South London Road
it stopped. I raised the tube.

"Pass it slowly!"

We skirted the clock tower, and
bore around to the right. Then Idrew well back in the corner of the
cab.The woman with the basket was
descending:"Pull up a few yards beyond!" I
directed.As the car restarted, and passed
the taxi became stationary. I
peered out of the little window at
the back.The woman was returning in the
direction of Waterloo Road:"Drive slowly back along Water-
loo Road," was my next order.
"Pretend you are looking for a fare;
I will keep out of sight."I was borne back again upon my
course. The woman kept to the right
and, once we were entered into the
straight road which leads to the
bridge, I again raised the speaking-
tube."Pull up," I said. "On the right
hand side is an old woman carrying a
basket; fifty yards ahead. Do you
see her? Keep well behind, but don't
lose sight of her."Just before she reached the place
where the mysterious assault had
taken place, the woman crossed the
road and disappeared from view.I leaped out of the cab, thrust half-
a-crown into the man's hand, and ran
on to the corner. The night was
now far advanced and I knew that the
chances of detection were thereby
increased. But the woman seemed to
have abandoned her fears, and I saw
her just ahead of me walking resolute-
ly past the lamp beyond which a short
time earlier she had met with a dan-
gerous adventure. She entered the
gate of a block of dwellings even more
forbidding in appearance than those
which that night had staged a dreadful
drama.As the figure with the basket was
lost from view I crept on, and in turn
cautiously entered the evil-smelling
hallway.Footsteps were receding up the
stone stairs. I could not see the
woman, but from the sound of her
tread it was possible to count the
landings which she passed. When
she had reached the fourth, and I
heard her step upon yet another flight,
I knew that she must be bound for
the topmost floor; and observing every
precaution, almost holding my breath
in a nervous endeavour to make no
slightest sound, I rapidly mounted the
stairs.I was come to the third landing in
this secret fashion when quite sud-
denly I heard the grating of a key
in a lock!Since four doors opened upon each
of the landings, at all costs, I thought
I must learn by which door she en-
tered.

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DODWELL.—On March 7, at 4, Chelsea-court, S.W., wife of S. H. Dodwell, Hongkong, daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SILVA-BARRETO.—At the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on April 17, 1921, by the Rev. Fr. Spada, Frederico L. Silva, to Nydia M. Barreto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barreto, of Hongkong.
SKINNER-ROZARIO.—On April 9, 1921, at Shanghai, Frank Skinner to Angelina Rozario. No cards.

DEATHS.

MACKENZIE.—At St. Paul's Hospital on April 16, following an operation, Helen Turnbull, dearly beloved younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie, of 154, The Peak, in her 18th year.
MURPHY.—On April 7, 1921, from heart failure, at New York, Mr. T. R. Murphy of Messrs. Arnold Brothers.
NOEL.—On April 10, 1921, at Shanghai, Charles Godfrey Noel, Master Mariner, aged 75 years.

The China Mail.

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LOCAL TAXATION.

We hear much argument, about it and about, and we emerge with one truth at least, that all men are very much alike in resenting taxation. That this comes of a long

history of "passing the buck" is the fault of nobody in particular. One set of men have been accustomed to having the burden shifted to other shoulders. Another set has an inherited resentment, which does not discriminate between the impositions of a good government and the exactions of a bad. All alike protest when called upon to pay.

Our Saturday contributor "Adversarius" was only a typical example, annoyed with others for doing what he did himself. Those who have been prating of the "threatened handicap on legitimate business have also exaggerated, and used arguments as prejudiced and one-sided as he. We need not expect dispassionate or impartial arguments anywhere. If we do, we shall meet disappointment.

The suggestion that any tax on trade must be bad, trade being the life of this place, is absurd. Yet it is seriously offered by men hitherto credited with intelligence. Surely it is evident that where trade is the "life" of a place, trade must bear the chief burden of the cost of administration and protection. In guarding our trade we guard our "life," and must pay for that, as we do for our police and soldiery. It is only in details of convenience, fairness, practicability, etc., that the proposals can be attacked, if at all. As to inconvenience, if the Government cannot trust its people to pay its taxes willingly and honestly—as we know it cannot—an admission to be made without cynicism—then for any inconvenience caused we should not blame our servants the Government. We do not trust each other, nor them, and must put up with the inconvenience this attitude compels. As to fairness, we have just seen how self-interest makes us all rather bad judges. As to practicability, perhaps there is more room for argument.

Business critics have already got busy showing how the new stamp duties "will not work." They say

the tax on share transfers must put a full stop to share transactions, and so defeat its own object. To such an objection, furnished with reasonable support, the Government will certainly listen, and if it can gain its object by consenting to modifications will certainly do so. But it will have to do so. At present it has had to provide for evasions, and the presumed evasions must, if they can, show it a better way. The principle (tax on profits, on unearned increment) is assuredly admirable, and the Government so far has a strong case for taxing property and share transfers. To tax all sales of goods in all transactions involving more than \$100 is probably a detail which will be assailed on the ground of impracticability, though we cannot quite agree that it is without precedent, since it shares the existing principle of the receipt stamp. Those, however, whose daily business it will affect must have a respectful hearing. We must point out, however, that if the Government was looking for a convenient point to collect duty—it is only excuse so far for this impost—it cannot have looked very far or long or closely. We have not totted up the sums distributed in any year by the local companies as dividends, but they must run to many millions, and a conspicuously convenient point to collect "would have been these. A small percentage on dividends, collected at the source, could inconvenience nobody, and be very productive. The fairness of such incidence should likewise be apparent to all. Then there are the excessive reserves piled up by some of our companies. A tax on reserves would tend to elevate the moral reputation of company directors, and relieve them of the suspicion of building up reserves for the purpose of "rigging the market." When we think of some of the rich foreign companies operating here, and the enormous profits they are credited with making, we wonder why the Government has not thought of these ways of making them render tribute.

In the days at hand we will doubtless have our ideas clarified by discussion of these and kindred themes, the question of loans, of government economy, being included. But as they are expensive days, we must all make up our minds to the fact that Hongkong must have its share in what are world-wide phenomena.

THE STRIKE.

Everybody seems pleased that the strike has burst, in view of the gloomy predictions of last week. We refer to it only to point out how right we were on March 29 when we gave the lie to the Premier's "grave warning" about the alleged "consolidation and unity" for Bolshevism amongst the British workers. The disunity that Reuter is telling us about to-day would be partly due to the British workman's shrinking from revolutionary propaganda. They never have united properly for purely Trade Union principles, being too sectionally selfish and ignorant, and we therefore held it extremely unlikely that they would unite for communism or anything of that sort. "We are not, of course, claiming superior perception to that of Mr. George. He knew it as well as we did, but he lied for a political purpose, as brazenly as Hamar Greenwood has been lying about Ireland, or Winston Churchill about military dispositions. There is apparently a separate code of honour for men as men and men as Cabinet Ministers. We do not suppose for a moment that Messrs. George, Greenwood, and Churchill would lie in private life as they do officially. Ought we to tolerate such a moral distinction? We think not.

TALK ON THE TRAM TOP.
"I hear that that one of the bodies found in the Old Bailey house wreck was that of a man who was evidently caught while climbing through a window. The body was half in and half out."
"The Banks won't allow it" [referring to T.T. taxes].
"On Monday of last week Mr. was offering 3 to 1 that the strike would come to nothing. On Friday, owing to the gloom of Reuter, he was challenged to repeat his offer. On Saturday they wondered how he knew."
"I see they are having a wonderful Spring at House," everything wonderfully forward, and February and March exceptionally fine, with not one wet or cold day."
"We have just moved into an office that overlooks the distributing kitchen of a restaurant. I saw the boys getting plates filled. The man who did it used his hands, a handful of peas, a handful of apples, a handful of something else. Ugh! No more for me!"

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Engineer-Lieutenant L. Surtees has been appointed to the light cruiser "Cairo," China Station.

Two fatal cases of enteric fever, Chinese, and one non-fatal case of para-typhoid fever, Filipino, were reported on Friday.

Members of the Q.C.O.B.A. are invited to send their silver sporting trophies to Mr. W. Kay at Queen's College for exhibition at the Annual Dinner before Saturday the 23rd inst.—Advt.

A case of rabies having occurred in the eastern district of the city the attention of dog owners is drawn to a notice from the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police printed in another column.

Members of the Q.C.O.B.A. wishing to attend the Annual Dinner are requested to forward their subscriptions to the Hon. Secretary on or before Thursday the 21st, after which date no subscriptions can be received.—Advt.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha have decided to place on the Bombay Line the s.s. "Wakasa Maru." This steamer, which has plenty of accommodation for first class passengers, will be despatched hence on April 22 for Singapore, Colombo and Bombay.

A quantity of raw opium valued at more than \$10,000 was seized from a Canton sampan which received it from a steamer arriving at Canton from Wuchow. It was ascertained that the sampan had been hired to meet the steamer when she arrived in the harbour.

The approaching marriage is announced of Gerald Hay Ruxton (Chinese Maritime Customs), second son of the late Rev. F. H. Ruxton, Rector of Wells, Yorkshire, to Mona, eldest daughter of Archdeacon A. D. Argyr, Archdeacon of Cumberland and Sydney, N.S.W.

Surgeon-Commander L. Lindrop has been appointed to the cruiser "Hawkins" flagship of the China Squadron. This officer has been in the medical department of the Royal Navy for twenty-one years, and when a surgeon served on the "Leviathan" when she was flagship of the China Station in 1903-05.

One of a batch of convicts travelling under police escort from Macao to Hongkong "on the s.s. 'Saitai,'" to be transported from here to Timor, jumped overboard just after the ship had left Macao last Thursday. Although the ship was stopped for a time, no trace of him could be found. This convict had been sentenced to 30 years' transportation to Timor for having murdered his wife.

Of the 300 odd shops in Canton which export human hair to America and Europe, only 100 are able to continue business, while the employees of the other shops have been obliged to seek employment elsewhere, on account of the slump in the business. In former years when business was good, the annual export of human hair from Kwanton province alone amounted to more than \$1,000,000.

Tenders are invited by the Government for reclaiming approximately 90 acres of the Praya East foreshore with materials obtained by cutting down Morrison Hill; protecting the area so reclaimed by sea and quay walls; constructing sewers stormwater drains, reinforced concrete piers, refuse-boat pier, retaining walls and temporary and miscellaneous works.

Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick much regretted having to postpone his meeting last Friday, owing to a slight accident at the Royal Artillery Sports. He has now fixed 5.30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at the Royal Artillery Theatre, Victoria Barracks, for the discussion on the formation of an ex-Service organization in Hongkong; and he hopes that all those interested will be able to come on that date.

Chen Ying-chun, a Chinese aviator, was severely injured at Canton on Thursday afternoon when trying to land after a trial flight in a new machine. After flying at a low altitude, Chen noticed something wrong with the engine and tried to land. Before he did so, the engine stopped and the machine dropped to the ground, being badly wrecked. Chen is in hospital suffering from broken ribs and a fractured arm.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies are the favourite cock-crow for all those commercial people who are not allowed to buy locally. Their criticisms are more forcible than polite, and what they do not say is often more suggestive than what they do. However, when one of the Crown Agents for the Colonies serves his department for 28 years, and only leaves £22,173, one suspicion is dispelled, that the post is as desirable as a P.W.D. appointment, says the "Topicist" in the Singapore Free Press.

GOLF DINNER.

K.C.C. GOLFING SECTION.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

Members of the golf section of the Kowloon Cricket Club met for their annual dinner at the Palace Hotel on Saturday night, a good number of members attended, the function being conducted by Mr. W. T. Elson (Captain of the Golf Section) who was supported by Messrs. D. J. Mackenzie, D. G. Nicoll, H. Overy, R. E. Lindsell, Major Bagnall and members of the Committee.

The menu, served under the superintendence of Mr. J. H. Oxberry, was an admirable one, consisting of a nine hole course. Each hole was suitably described in the language (technical) of the game. During the evening brief and appropriate speeches were made and a musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. Crow, V. C. Labrum, S. Gray, F. H. Farthing, G. Prechard and Pearson.

The trophies won during the year were also presented. The Captain's Cup, given by Mr. D. G. Nicoll, went to Mr. Stalker, who secured it for the first time after a hard game with Mr. D. J. Mackenzie, the lowest handicap player, who took the runner-up prize. The Championship Cup, awarded to the first winner of the shield in perpetuation of the memory of the late Mr. J. H. Moore Mead, went to Mr. Mackenzie, with Mr. B. D. Evans as runner-up. The Cup for the Ecclectic Competition (presented by Mr. Overy) was won by Mr. J. Parkes, with Mr. Mackenzie as second. The Bogey prize (presented by Messrs. Elson and Avenell) went to Mr. J. Stalker—Mr. Parkes as runner-up. The Woodman Cup went to Mr. C. Bond, with Mr. Mackenzie (scratch) second, and the Davis Cup to Mr. J. McIntire; Mr. Elson second. The monthly prizes were distributed as follows:—March, Mr. H. E. Stevens; April, Mr. H. Overy; May, Mr. Stalker; June, Mr. McIntire; July, Dr. Woodman; August, Mr. Newton; November, Mr. C. Reynolds; December, Mr. Heathcote.

The prizes for the Bridge Tournament were also presented: First, Messrs. Brawn and McIntire; second, Capt. Ritchie and Mr. Labrum.

Proposing the toast of the "K.C.C. Golf Section" Mr. H. Overy referred to the past successful season. The Section had been greatly strengthened and was now up to its limit of membership. No more new members could be accepted at present as they had a waiting list. The Golf Section of the K.C.C. was a real live institution. The competitions—and they were very numerous—had been enthusiastically entered into. One new competition, which they had arranged should be an annual one and which he thought he ought to emphasize, was the Club Championship. A shield had been put up by the Kowloon Cricket Club to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. J. H. Moore Mead, who, they would remember, was one of the most hard working Secretaries of the Golf Section had ever had. It was quite fitting that in the first season it had been won by one of Golf Section—Mr. D. J. Mackenzie (Applause).

Mr. Overy expressed the hope that the new members who were taking up the game would enter enthusiastically into the competitions. The competitions with other Clubs, Mr. Overy continued, had been most enjoyable. The U.S.R.C. he was sorry to say, had come off victorious every time. In their matches with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club the K.C.C. had won two and lost one. They hoped to have a return match with the U.S.R.C. very shortly when they would endeavour to turn the tables (hear, hear). In conclusion, Mr. Overy expressed thanks to the generous donors of the Cups and said that in that respect the Golf Section was particularly fortunate. At the general meeting some members expressed the opinion that too many competitions were not good for the Club. His honest opinion was exactly to the contrary. He felt that competitions did the Club a lot of good. They brought men more into contact with each other. Mr. Overy wished the Golf Section as successful a season as the last. (Applause).

Mr. G. H. May responded and after a reference to the new stamp duties remarked that the enthusiasm shown by the present members was nothing like so pronounced as that evinced by the "boys of the old brigade." In the old days they had all sorts of obstacles to contend with on the course and used to get back to the Club House "like prickled porcupines."

The toast of the visitors was proposed by Mr. E. J. Edwards and responded to by Dr. Smalley, who also proposed "The Kowloon Cricket Club" which was enthusiastically received.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell gave some interesting Police Court reminiscences and the evening closed with the toast of the Chairman, proposed by Mr. D. J. Mackenzie.

BOXING.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

INTERESTING BOUTS ON SATURDAY.

Peggy Evans of H.M.S. "Hawkins" holds the heavyweight championship of Colony and the Hongkong Exchange Brokers Association Belt by virtue of his win over Pte. N. Wilkins R.M.L.I., the Heavyweight champion of the China Squadron, 1920, at the Ming Yuen Gardens on Saturday night. The fight was staged under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association and was witnessed by a good crowd. Evans could not have had a lot to spare over his opponent as Wilkins boxed splendidly for the first four rounds and although he tired later he pulled up well in the closing stages. The fight went the full fifteen rounds, every one of them being characterised by plenty of solid hitting. Several other interesting contests were staged and are dealt with below.

A. B. McDONALD (H.M.S. "TITANIA")
V. LEADING STOKER JONES (H.M.S. "AMBROSE")

This was a six-round, middleweight contest, and going the distance made a good curtain raiser. Both men revealed considerable cleverness both in dealing and avoiding punishment. Throughout the contest they made good use of their left hands. McDonald in particular scoring with snappy jolts to the jaw when they got to close range. Jones was if anything the more persistent and secured the verdict.

LEADING SEAMAN BURNS (H.M.S. "ALACRITY") V. CORPORAL NYE (WILTSHIRE REGT.).

This contest, scheduled for six rounds, ended abruptly in the second, Burns receiving a hard drive to the body which put him down for the count. The bout opened in a promising manner. Nye leading off and endeavouring to set up a hot pace, with Burns holding off and getting home some useful counters. Half-way through the round Nye sent out a heavy right swing which clipped Burns jaw. The sailor went back and was clearly groggy. Nye didn't seem to realise what had happened. When he did he simply lost his head. He wasted dozens of blows when he had ample opportunity of standing up and ending the fight with a properly placed punch. Burns opened up the second round by rushing into Nye, and stung him several times with lefts to the head. Nye seemed to have realised the necessity of keeping cool, and getting under a left swing drove his right hand to the body. Burns went down and was counted out.

STOKER SKINNER (H. M. S. "TITANIA")
V. A. B. DOLLAUD (H.M.S. "HAWKINS").

This meeting proved an even fight over four rounds, but in the last two Skinner made considerable headway. Neither did much damage in the opening round, but in the succeeding session there were some lively rallies. In the third Dollaud ran into a lefty right to the body as he bounced off the ropes after being rubbed. This steadied him up considerably and the honours went to Skinner. Dollaud took the next round by a shade, scoring freely at the commencement. Towards the end he seemed to be tiring and it was no surprise when Skinner took the next two rounds and was given the verdict.

A. B. MCGRIDE (H. M. S. "HAWKINS")
V. A. B. DARBYSHIRE (H.M.S. "TITANIA")

These men put up quite an interesting contest, Darbyshire being the more active and generally being on the attack. There was not much to choose between them for the first two rounds. Then Darbyshire did better and easily took the majority of the points. In the fifth McBride got in some useful uppercuts as Darbyshire came in with his head down. However he didn't do sufficient to wipe off the adverse balance and Darbyshire won.

PTE. N. WILKINS, R.M.L.I. V. A. B. EVANS (H.M.S. "HAWKINS").

This was a contest for the heavyweight title. Wilkins weighed in at 183 lbs. having an advantage of 3 lbs. over Evans.

Round 1. Both opened cautiously. Wilkins was the first to lead, revealing a nice straight left. Evans opened slowly and rather declined to mix matters.

Round 2. This round went to Wilkins. He set up a hot pace and scored repeatedly with both hands to the face and body. Evans tried to assume the aggressive but was smartly countered when he lead.

Round 3.—Wilkins' round by a shade. Things were mixed up at a lively pace, Wilkins especially landing with short stiff jabs at close range. So far it had been a good fight, featured mainly by Wilkins' pretty turn of speed and persistency.

Round 4. This round saw a fairly even break, Evans scoring better than hitherto. There was plenty of hard hitting, and this was also a feature of the fifth round which provided neither with any advantage.

Round 6. Wilkins was slowing up but Evans was still fresh and fighting strongly.

Round 7. This was Evans' round. He made good use of his left and generally managed to avoid the counter. Wilkins connected with a

OBITUARY.

MISS HELEN MACKENZIE.

It is our painful duty today, to announce the death at the St. Paul's Hospital, Camberley Bay, on Saturday, of Miss Helen Turnbull Mackenzie. Death took place after an operation for appendicitis.

The deceased who was only 18 years of age, was born in Hongkong, and was the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackenzie of 154 The Peak, well known and popular residents of the Colony. Much sympathy will be felt for them and their family in their sad bereavement.

The funeral took place in the old residents' section of the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, and was well attended.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie officiated at the graveside.

There was a fine collection of beautiful floral tributes.

LDG. STOK. THOMAS BOWEN.

The death took place, at the age of 32, on Friday night of Leading Stoker, Thomas Bowen of H.M.S. "Cairo," which is at present absent from the Colony.

The deceased entered the Naval Hospital a fortnight ago suffering from fever. He pulled through well, and was on the way to recovery when a relapse attended by complications proved too much and death claimed him.

Although still a young man the deceased had been connected with the Navy for 13 years, and had served in the war. He came to Hongkong with the original crew of the "Cairo" in 1919.

The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Saturday afternoon with full Naval honours. H.M.S. "Hawkins" supplied the Band and a firing party under Petty Officer Prentice. The gun carriage was followed by a large detachment of the crew from the "Hawkins" and "Tamar," the whole under the command of Lieut. Beauchamp, R.N.

The burial service was read at the graveside by the Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie.

FACTION FIGHTS.

LIVELY WEEK-END.

Inspector Blackman, of No. 2 Police Station, this morning charged seven Chinese before Magistrate Orme with having taken part in a faction fight at Jardine's Bazaar yesterday. The defendants admitted the charge. The trouble they said was over money matters.

The Inspector said that Sergt. O'Connor was on his rounds yesterday about 8 a.m., when the trouble started. Many people took part. Bricks, bottles and bamboo were freely used. A posse of police had to turn out before the disturbance was quelled. No fewer than three outbreaks occurred during Sunday, and the police were given a lot of trouble to cope with them.

The Magistrate fined the defendants \$5 each and ordered them to sign bonds in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

Mr. John Swire, senior member of the firm of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Mrs. Swire, Miss Swire, and Miss Logan arrived in Shanghai by the Blue Funnel str. "Pyrrhus" on Thursday and are guests at Mr. E. F. Mackay. After a short stay in Shanghai they propose to go up the Yangtze, on to Peking, and thence to Japan.

Leung Tai, who has twice returned from banishment, the first time after a ten-year sentence in 1918, and the second time after a life sentence this year, was this morning sentenced by the Pui-sue Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood, to two years' imprisonment. Accused also had a conviction for receiving stolen goods in 1917 recorded against him.

hard fight, during a spell of close range fighting.

Round 8. Evans' round. Wilkins was shaken up by several hits flush on the jaw. One outstanding piece of hitting was Evans' reply to a drive to the body. As Wilkins sent out the blow Evans got back just the right distance and sent over his right to the jaw. It was a good example of timing.

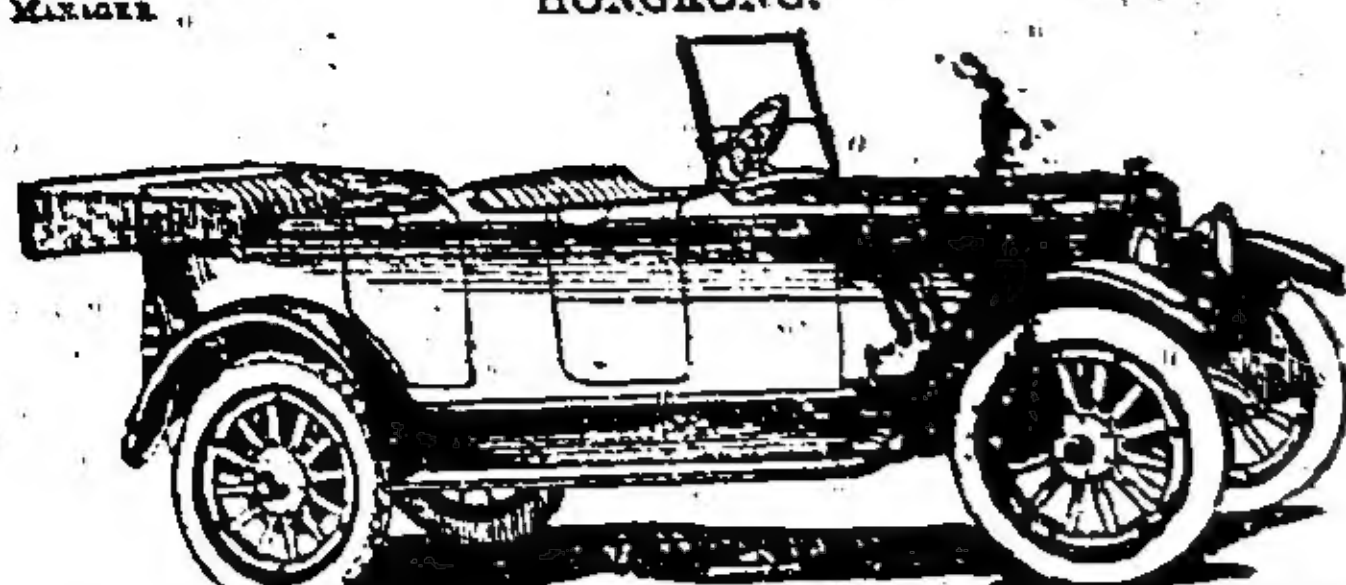
Round 9. Evans was again on top, although Wilkins showed signs of coming back.

From this time onwards it was anybody's fight. Evans slowed up while Wilkins was fighting quite strongly. The remaining five rounds ended without much advantage to either. The verdict in favour of Evans was very popular.

At the conclusion of the fight the belt was presented to Evans by Mr. R. M. Dyer, the Vice-Chairman of the Association.

PTE. RICHARDS, R.M.L.I. V. A. B. POFFLE (H.M.S. "TITANIA").
This six round bout concluded the programme. The decision went to Richards who fought well throughout.

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JAIL MURDERS.

FOURTH MAN CHARGED.

FOOTPRINTS PHOTOGRAPHED.

The fourth man arrested in connection with the Victoria Jail murders in 1919 was charged before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, in the Supreme Court this morning, with having murdered Warder James Leslie Speed. The Hon. Attorney-General, Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., conducted the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood, the defence. After the jury had taken their places in the jury box, His Honour remarked that he had been informed that one member, Lo Cheung Wing, claimed that he did not speak English. His Honour observed that while it was difficult to understand how Lo Cheung Wing carried on his business as the proprietor of a British firm without a knowledge of English every care must be taken in a case of murder. Therefore he had better stand down for the moment and go into the Puisne Judge's Court, for a less important case. Possibly also the Puisne Judge would be able more easily to determine whether the jurymen could speak English.

The jury as finally constituted comprised the following:—Amando Maria da Silva (foreman), Edward Henry Ray, Liang Shu-tung, Eric George Norton Grimble, Edward Pierpont Barker, Faustino Antonio Xavier and Thomas Matthews. The Hon. Attorney-General, who opened the prosecution, said that early on the morning of December 15, 1919 four men broke out of Victoria Jail. In the course of their escape they murdered the principal warder named Speed, and an Indian warder named Harnam Singh. The evidence given would relate to both murders because it was impossible to separate the evidence relating to the two events. In this case the jury was concerned only with the murder of Warder Speed.

The Attorney-General then gave a detailed explanation of plans of the jail copies of which were handed to the jury and the jury. In cell 63, continued the Attorney-General, was a prisoner serving 10 years for robbery, in cell 62 another serving a similar period for burglary, and in cell 50 opposite, a man serving seven years. In cell 48, a larger cell, there were four men, one of whom was the prisoner. From cell 48 only one man escaped, and that was the man now in the dock. From the evidence the jury would see that the cells had a space between the door and the floor through which an electric lamp could be flashed when the cells were examined at night. That space could be used by the prisoners in the different cells to communicate with one another. On the morning of December 15 the prisoner in cell 63 removed some wood from the door leaving exposed the back plate of the lock and making it easy for him to move the mechanism of the lock. The man must have opened the door and then opened the doors of cells 62, 50, and 48 with a key, now in Court which was found to open all the cell doors. This man apparently released the other three men, one from cell 62, another from cell 50, and one of the four men in cell 48. As these four men came down the staircase they were apparently seen by the man on patrol duty who saw two of them go into Warder Speed's office. One of the men attacked Harnam Singh and the fourth the patrol. Unfortunately, they were only too successful in their attack on Warder Speed who was stabbed repeatedly but managed to stagger out of the room and stumble along the passage until he collapsed and died. The men were also successful in their attack on the Indian, but the patrol was more fortunate. Apparently thinking that they had done enough to ensure their escape, the men went out into the gangway across the yard, down the steps, and over the wall. Nobody saw them go over the wall and the evidence in this respect would be circumstantial. The jury would see from the evidence that the four prisoners who escaped that morning made very elaborate preparations. They had the key, a number of chisels, and things of that kind, for the purpose of effecting their escape. It would be shown in evidence that not only did the key open the doors of their own cells but also the door leading out of the yard, the men not taking the bother to remove Warder Speed's key, though they took his revolver. They also had clothes of some dark material ready, leaving their prison clothes in the cell on dummies intended to allay suspicion. These four men had to pass

through what was the best guarded portion of the jail and had no doubt made themselves familiar with the geography of the place. They would know that Warder Speed would be the only European on duty and the only man with a revolver. Consequently, they must have assigned two men to get possession of the weapon, another to attack Harnam Singh and the fourth the patrol. The Attorney-General suggested that the four men came down with the deliberate intention of killing Warder Speed. Not only did they intend to murder Warder Speed but they also intended to effect their escape from the jail. If the jury found that during that escape Warder Speed was murdered then that would be sufficient evidence for them to find a verdict against all four men. Even if only one man committed the actual murder all four were responsible. As a matter of fact one could carry the case a little further. In a statement made at the police station when charged the accused said, "These two persons were not killed by me. I would have been discharged in another three months' time. 'Big number prisoners' (i.e. long term prisoners) opened the door and asked me." That requires an explanation, continued the Attorney-General. The accused was in fact serving only a short term for breach of a deportation order. It was extremely foolish of him to join the attempted escape. In a statement made to the magistrate the accused said, "The murder did not concern me. I was in cell 48 with three others when I heard the cell door being opened. I called out 'What is the matter?' voice said 'Run!' so I ran. I wanted to call the other three prisoners in my cell but he said 'Don't call them.' I said 'There are three others.' He said 'The sooner you get out the better for you.' Then the large number took me down stairs. One of them told me to stand at the bottom of the staircase and keep watch. 'If any Indian comes along,' he said, 'tell him to get out.' Here's a knife for you to hold." The accused, continued the Attorney-General, was wearing a dark suit of clothes, his prison garb having been discarded. It was quite clear that the accused was in the plot from the beginning and was not making an escape on the spur of the moment at the last minute. There was another curious feature in this case. The evidence would show that the police found footprints on a piece of paper in Warder Speed's office. Those footprints had been photographed but did not correspond with the photographed footprints of any of the other three men arrested in connection with the murder. Now, photographs had been taken of the accused's footprints and they had been found to correspond exactly with the footprints on the piece of paper found in Warder Speed's office. The inference was that the accused was one of the men who took part in the murderous attack on the warder.

CHILD LABOUR.

CONDITIONS IN HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

The following contributed article appeared as a leader in the N.C. Daily News on April 12:—On several occasions Reuter has informed us that questions have been asked in the House of Commons regarding the prevalence of girl slavery in Hongkong and the answers given in the House reflect the attitude of the authorities in the Colony. This is that the girls referred to are adopted into the families of those who acquire them by purchase and that their status is very different from that connoted by the word "slave". The reply usually concludes: "I am assured by the Governor that slavery does not exist in the island." It is evident that the dispute largely hinges on the definition of the terms used. If the girls referred to are slaves, then, by the laws of Great Britain, they ought at once to be set at liberty. If they are wards of their foster-parents, then those who adopt them are not only guiltless, but may be rendering a service to the State. Considered dispassionately there can be no doubt that the position of the girls referred to partakes of the nature of slavery in that they are bought and owned by the purchaser and may be disposed of at his pleasure. They are not

slaves inasmuch as they are not the children of bondmen and bondwomen; moreover, they are manumitted at marriage and no stigma attaches to their offspring. There is, therefore, room for endless argument according as one views the question from the one angle or the other.

The question concerns not only Hongkong but also Shanghai and the whole of China, but it is, perhaps, true that the custom of purchasing girls at a tender age and bringing them up as household drudges is more common in the province of Kwangtung than in other parts of the country. It may be defended, and sometimes is, as a custom that makes for the welfare of the children concerned, but the arguments have a suspicious likeness to those that were advanced in the days when slavery was an established order of society in western lands. It is doubtless true that some of the little protégées are fortunate enough to fall into the hands of naturally kind mistresses but many fare far otherwise and the aggregate amount of misery endured by the multitude of helpless slaves must be unthinkable.

The system is the fruitful parent of many and great abuses. Children are sometimes, under the pressure of extreme poverty, sold by their parents to this life of bondage. Frequently they are stolen, and the traffic in kidnapped children is China's shame. We can recollect that a dangerous riot was once precipitated in this Settlement by the arrest of a woman implicated by this trade. The telegraph poles on our streets often have advertisements affixed to them offering a reward for information that will lead to the recovery of children decoyed away from their homes and destined to the hard life of the child serf. The pathos of the appeals for help to recover lost children reveals the anguish of the parents; a sorrow surely which has no equal, not even in the bitterness of death.

The surest way to put a stop to this nefarious traffic is to make the purchase of children illegal and to punish with equal severity both buyer and seller. Chinese law is lamentably deficient in provisions respecting the welfare of children. The classical literature of China is also curiously silent on the responsibility of parents towards their offspring while it over-emphasizes the filial duty which children owe, not only to parents, but to all who are their elders. Educationalists in China have an obligation laid upon them to remedy this lack in law and literature until public opinion will no longer tolerate the abuses which the present attitude of the masses towards children's rights makes possible.

An advertisement in a recent issue of one of the leading Chinese papers in Shanghai well illustrates the difficulty of dealing with this question. The advertiser states that she has lost her daughter on a journey between Peking and Shanghai and that sorrow has made her sick so that life itself is despaired of and she adjures her daughter, if she sees the notices in the paper, that she will come at once to see her mother and so comfort her heart that thereafter she may die in peace. All benevolent persons who have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the girls are begged to send information to the address given so that the several hearts may be reunited. The mother will be for ever grateful and will not fail to give a suitable reward for the information. A picture of a comely girl some fifteen years of age accompanies the advertisement that all men may know by these presents who it is that is referred to by the sorrowing mother. And a well-informed Chinese friend assures us that the so-called daughter is a sing-song girl, that the "mother" is the mistress who owns her and that she is sick of sorrow because of the loss of capital which she invested in this pretty maiden which she has now lost.

OTHER COMMENT.

Our Shanghai contemporary makes the following editorial comment:—The word "contributed" at the head of a leading article may be a puzzle to some readers. "Why," they might ask, "thus differentiate, inasmuch as the paper must take responsibility for the views expressed in a leading article which it prints?" The answer is that there are some questions on which it is more than normally difficult to lay down the law—even for an editor. In such instances the word "contributed" means: "These are not the views which the editorial 'we' hold; nevertheless there are many readers who hold them; perhaps more than those who side with us, and they are entitled to be heard with respect." This particularly applies as regards the question of slavery in China. What we think the Hongkong Government mostly has in mind is the state of things described in our contributor's first paragraph. On this subject we published two articles a few weeks ago, expressing the opinion that while the practice always needs careful watching, it appears on the whole to be free enough from evil results, if not actually productive of good, that interference with this very ancient

practice must be very charily approached. Where our contributor, we think, lays himself open to misconception is in apparently mixing up the deliberate sale by parents of a daughter as described in the first paragraph, and the stealing of children by kidnappers. For the latter practice nothing but abhorrence can be expressed, and the energies of the great organization of the Chinese Anti-Kidnapping Society, which has branches all over China continually trying to catch the kidnappers, cannot be too highly praised. It is also, we believe, the fact that when kidnappers are brought before Chinese magistrates, they never fail to get their due. On the other hand Chinese opinion clearly does not condemn the practice of the *mus lai*, of which a teeming population mostly very poor would be liable to think differently from what Western races might think. The distinction, however, between the two practices is certainly very thin, and it would be a good thing if Chinese opinion could be brought up to the abolition of anything to which the word "slavery" can remotely apply.

The coolie who was on Saturday reported to have been removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received through being knocked down at Sheklongchui, on Friday night, by motor car No. 197, driven by Mr. Biggar, of the International Bank, has succumbed to his injuries. The deceased, who was a new arrival in Hongkong, was alleged to have attempted to cross the road a few yards in front of the car. Mr. Biggar did his best to avoid running into the man but the brake did not stop the car.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on THURSDAY, 21st April, at 4.30 p.m., in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, for the purpose of nominating a Representative of the Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Notice in writing of the names of candidates and of their proposals and secondaries to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the General Meeting.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 14, 1921.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, April 13, 1921.

TOYO KISEN KAISEI.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"SHINYO MARU,"
From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Monday, the 18th April, 1921, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Monday, the 25th April, 1921. All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1921, at 11 a.m. No claims will be recognized after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 18, 1921.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information that a case of rabies has occurred within the Eastern District of the City of Victoria.

All dog owners are advised to exercise strict supervision over their dogs, and to keep them on leash in public places.

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(3) It shall be lawful for any police constable to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about during the day-time without any owner and not wearing either a collar with the name and residence of the owner inscribed thereon or a current licence badge; and any such constable is hereby further authorised to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

T. H. KING,

Ag. Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong, April 16, 1921.

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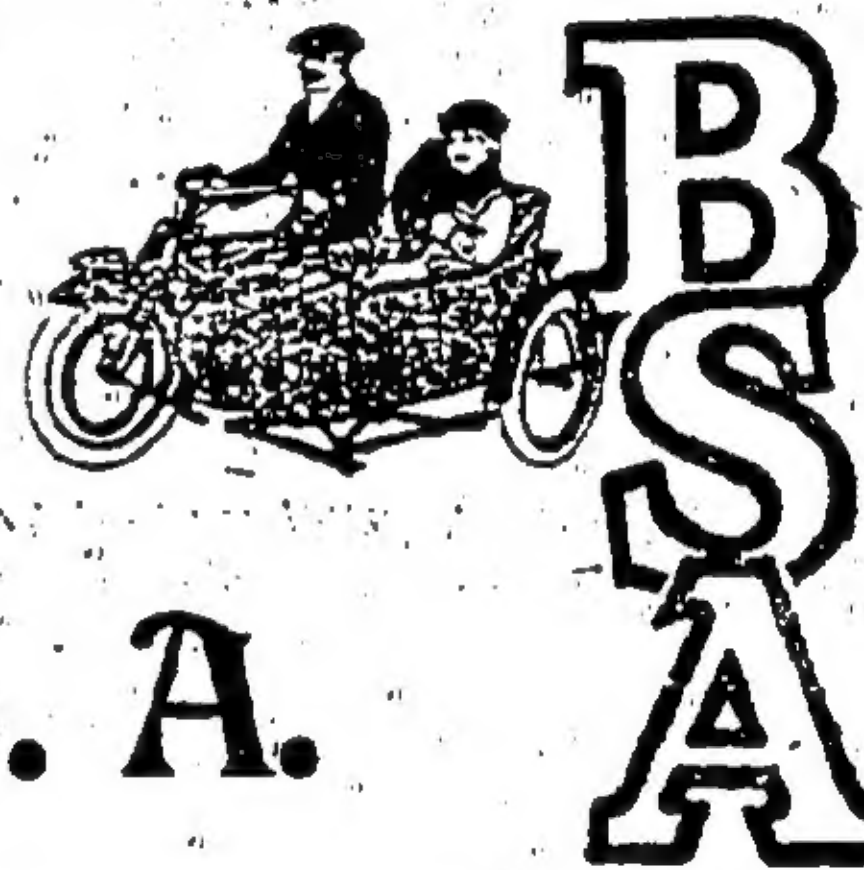
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corner waiting for an omnibus. No
one seemed to notice him in his pic-
turesque uniform and be-ribboned
breast.

Turning round, he gazed reflectively
at a large water-colour painting of
himself in an art dealer's window and
smiled at the thoughts it seemed to
conjure. Then as a No. 9 omnibus
ran by he swung on to the stepboard
and briskly mounted the stairs to a
back seat.

Beside him sat a young man, un-
aware of the marshal's identity. Occa-
sionally he "cocked" an eye at his
decorations, puffed at his cigarette,
and seemed to find more interest in
the passing crowds.

"Grand weather," remarked the
Allied leader as the omnibus whirled
towards Hyde Park Hotel, where he
was going to have luncheon with M.
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the Allied Conference.

"London seems very full," he said,
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From EUROPE and STRAITS.

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are landed.

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April, 1921, will be subject to rent.
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the Godowns for examination by the
Consignee's and the Co.'s representa-
tives at an appointed hour on Tuesday
and Friday. All claims must be
presented within ten days of the
steamer's arrival here, after which date
they cannot be recognized. No claims
will be admitted after the goods have
left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1921.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship.

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Godowns at Kowloon, where each con-
signment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on
unless instructions are given to the
contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd April,
1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignee's
and the Co.'s representatives at an ap-
pointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.
All claims must be presented within
ten days of the steamer's arrival
here, after which date they cannot be
recognized. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong, April 16, 1921.

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and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon,
whence and/or from the wharves de-
livery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 14th April.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
20th inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 29th inst. or they will not be
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SPORT.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

SATURDAY'S PRACTICE MATCH.

On the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday afternoon, was played the first practice match for the Interport to be held in Shanghai next month. The teams were the Hongkong Interport team with Commr. Gilchrist and Capt. Spinks in the two unalloyed positions, and a strong XI captained by R. Hancock. The latter team included T. E. Pearce, Capt. Edwards and R.E.O. Bird, all of whom played in the last Interport match, but are unable to make the trip to the Northern Settlement. Two other interesting members of Hancock's team were Ng Sze Kwong and A. A. Rumjahn, who both stand well in the League averages. A close and interesting game resulted in a draw.

The Interporters, who batted first, started badly. Sayer skied the first over, and returned to the pavilion without scoring. Soon afterwards, Sapsleton was stumped. The majority of the runs so far were contributed by Mr. "Extras." De Rome gave a chance early in his innings, but Rumjahn who was bowling at the time failed to hold the ball. De Rome and Franks stopped the rot and soon lifted the score to something like class play. The tail gave useful contributions, and the innings came to a close with 196 on the board.

Hancock's team also started badly. Ng Sze Kwong was clean bowled for hitting across a ball and retiring with only one run scored. Major Edwards, who took his place, started carefully, and after the opening hit, took all that came his way. He piled up runs merrily until he was caught. Rumjahn followed and with careful and steady batting contributed 34, the side's highest score. Mitchell batted well for a useful 30. When time intervened, the side had 159 runs for the fall of eight wickets and a draw was declared. Bradbury turned out in Hancock's team in place of Capt. Wahl. On the whole, Saturday's performance was not encouraging and much below Interport standard.

The scores were:-

MR. SAYER'S XI.		MR. R. HANCOCK'S XI.	
G. R. Sayer, c Webster, b Hamilton	0	E. J. R. Mitchell, run out	30
C. I. Sapsleton, st Pearce, b Rumjahn	0	Ng Sze Kwong, b Reed	1
F. J. de Rome, c Bradbury, b Webster	6	Major Edwards, c Farthing, b Davies	1
1. B. Franks, b Webster	36	R. E. A. Webster, c Sayer, b Spinks	22
Com. Gilchrist, st Pearce, b Bird	41	A. A. Rumjahn, b Reed	34
Col. Bowen, c Pearce, b Bird	20	T. E. Pearce, st Franks, b Reed	28
Capt. Spinks, lb w, b Bird	20	B. W. Bradbury, c Gilchrist, b Reed	6
Capt. Davies, c Edwards, b Ng Sze Kwong	16	H. A. Sawyer, not out	4
Major Bagnall, c Webster, b Rumjahn	10	E. W. Hamilton, lb w, b Reed	0
F. H. Farthing, not out	12	R. E. O. Bird, not out	16
E. E. Reid, c Bradbury, b Rumjahn	0	R. Hancock, did not bat	0
Extras	20	Extras	1
Total	196	Total (8 wks.)	159

Bowling analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamilton	7	2	25	1
Rumjahn	7	4	59	3
Webster	9	2	26	2
Bird	11	0	29	3
Ng Sze Kwong	3	0	26	1

AIR LORRIES.

REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENTS.

SILVER ORE BY PLANE.

When, in June, the Dominion Premier meets Mr. Churchill he will be able to tell them of remarkable developments in Empire aerial transport. With new big-engined flying "lorries" now in production the cost of carrying a load by air, it is claimed, will drop from shillings per pound to only a few pence.

One proposal of unusual interest is being reviewed by the technical staff of a leading firm. A silver mine has been located in Canada, with several thousand tons of ore in an outcrop, but in an isolated district which makes regular land transport almost impossible.

The question arises of utilising specially designed aeroplanes, the idea being first of all to remove the outcrop of ore by air to a point where it can be dealt with, and then to carry to the mine in aeroplanes, the machinery necessary for its working. And after this the flying craft would be employed regularly in maintaining communications between the mine and the nearest centre of supply.

It is possible now to transport 4 tons in a slow-flying, single-engined aeroplane, so that this and other schemes which are hampered by lack of land transport are being gone into very closely from the point of view of using a purely goods-carrying aircraft.

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LAMMOCK'S WRECK.

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"MONTEAGLE'S" MEN'S BRAVERY.

A story thrilling with bravery and risk of life on the part of the officers and crew of the C.P.O.S. steamship "Monteagle" was told by one of her passengers, while recounting the rescue of six foreigners and sixty Chinese of the crew of the sinking French cargo steamer "Hsin-tien" during the storm at sea on April 5 near the Lammoock lighthouse, when the sinking French steamer was heading for the beach with all hope abandoned.

Three boats were put off by the "Monteagle," the first manned by Chinese crew, and two by volunteer foreign members of the crew. Several times the Canadian Pacific liner encircled the stricken vessel, while it was, finally lying at anchor near the rocks. The rough sea was too much for the Chinese crews of both the "Monteagle" and of the "Hsin-tien"; the boats the latter launched were capsized almost as soon as they were set into the water.

RESCUE FOREIGNER. The distress signals of the sinking "Hsin-tien" were seen by the "Monteagle" first at 8 a.m. on the 5th. High seas prevailed. The vessel was deeply laden with rice. Upon reaching the stricken steamer the "Monteagle" launched two boats, which despite the heavy sea got fairly close and at the first attempt rescued one foreign passenger who, clad in gloves and with camera hung from shoulder, had leaped into the sea, and ten of the Chinese crew.

The steamer "Amazon" of the Messageries Maritimes picked up the wireless call from the "Monteagle," and about ten o'clock arrived upon the scene, and stood by. It anchored about 500 yards astern of the "Hsin-tien." At this time the sinking steamer was making slow headway toward the Lammoock lighthouse, apparently with the object of beaching, but in view of the dangerous nature of the rocks it was soon decided by the ship's officers not to risk beaching so the anchor was cast out, and all hope pinned upon the efforts of the "Monteagle."

The "Monteagle," at this stage, veered around the smaller ship several times, and at an opportune moment launched another boat manned by a foreign crew, which succeeded in getting under the stern of the "Hsin-tien" and took off five foreign officers and nineteen members of the crew. The last encirclement was at 2.30 p.m., when the "Monteagle" passed so close to the "Hsin-tien" that a stone might have been thrown aboard. The crew of the doomed ship at this time was huddled on the poop, frantically waving for help while the French officers indicated that they would attempt to swim. Both sea and wind had increased considerably since noon, and an attempt at swimming had been made, would have proven hopeless.

LINE TOWERS LIFEBOAT. The "Monteagle" steamed again, slowly across the bows of the "Hsin-tien," and the boat was put off again. Owing to the violent sea, however, it was impossible to get close on the first attempt, and the lifeboat was taken in tow by the "Monteagle," until coming close again a second attempt was made and a line fastened to the stern of the sinking ship. This last attempt saw thirty-one of the remainder of the crew taken off, making a total rescued of six foreigners, and 60 Chinese. The "Hsin-tien" foundered three quarters of an hour after the last member of the crew was rescued.

The rescue party of the "Monteagle" included: Chief Officer Ferguson, First Officer Campbell Assistant Purser Vaux, Fifth Engineer Plewes, Sixth Engineer Hussey, Electrician McDonald, Carpenter Fiam, Storekeeper Beagant, and Cadets Ranger and Walsh.

The awkward position of the "Hsin-tien," it was said by passengers on the C.P.O.S. liner, rendered the navigation of the "Monteagle" most delicate and difficult, and this fact contributed in a large measure to the success of the rescue work. During the operations the "Hsin-tien" succeeded in launching two boats, one of which capsized soon after taking the water, and causing the death of four of the crew.

A purse was taken up and presented to the members of the "Monteagle's" rescue crew in appreciation for their work.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unusual looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For details all Chemists and Storekeepers.

"MISSING LINK."

SECRETS OF OLD ASIA.

R. CHAPMAN ANDREWS' EXPEDITION.

Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Mrs. Andrews, and their little son, arrived in Shanghai on the P. M. S. "Golden State" bringing with them some 20 tons of freight, equipment for the five year expedition of which Mr. Andrews is the leader and promoter. Mr. Andrews has spent ten years in China and surrounding country including Mongolia, Tibet, and the South Sea Islands, laying the foundation for such an expedition as that which he is now heading.

THE DARWINIAN THEORY. This work has been his dream and goal for these years and while he does not hope very highly to find the missing link in the Darwinian theory as has been reported, enlarged and dwelt upon by the newspapers, still, since Central Asia is the place to study the origin and evolution of man, a very great contribution may be made, indeed, to the facts and theories of the scientific world. It is known that the plateau of Central Asia, now arid, treeless, and cold, was once warm, humid, and full of life, and it was here that the evolution of man took place and from here that he migrated to other countries following the animals with the hunter's instinct as they wandered across the land bridge which then existed between Siberia and Alaska south to Africa, and westward to Europe.

All through his exploration work, Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews has found his research blocked by the fact that he only possessed a knowledge of natural science. Many times the clue to a scientific truth might have been followed if he could have read the story told in flora and rocks and fossils. The expedition now being fitted out, Mr. Andrews says, differs from all others in that the men taking part are, among them, masters of eight departments of science, and that they are all co-operating with a single aim—that of the study of the origin and evolution of man.

BUSINESS IN ROMANCE. Mr. Andrews comes from New York with inspiration and financial backing and a story of the American business man, who, he says, possesses the soul of a romanticist and a dreamer. The whole story can be read in the list of the names of the men and women who are behind the expedition to the extent of an initial \$250,000 already collected, and a promise of more when it is needed. Some of these names are those of Mr. J. P. Morgan, J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Thomas Lamont, Henry P. Davidson, Dwight Morrow, Albert Wiggins, George T. Baker, Arthur Curtis James, Mrs. Willard Straight, Charles L. Bunker, Mrs. Adrian Hoffman Joline, H. T. Brockway, and Sidney M. Colgate.

The expedition has this three-fold object; first, the purely scientific one; second, that of gathering material for the new Hall of Asiatic Life to be erected by the American Museum of Natural History at the cost of \$1,000,000; and third, the co-operation with and fostering of the study of natural science in China.

THE FIVE YEARS' PLAN.

Plans are now fairly well completed for the five years' work. Headquarters will be in Peking. From there trip will be made lasting perhaps six months at a time. The first two years will be given up to the study of paleontology, ornithology, and herpetology. Mrs. Andrews, who is a colour-photographer, will go on most of the trips. The other members of the first two-year party are Mr. Walter Granger and Mr. George Olsen, paleontologists, Mr. Clifford Pope, an expert on fishes and reptiles, Professor M. Berkeley, a geologist from Columbia University, Mr. James Chapin, an ornithologist, Mr. Martin Johnson, one of the best cinematographers in the world, and Mr. Bayard Colgate, in charge of transportation. The party will cover a large field, including Mongolia, Tibet, and Yunnan.

Mr. Henry Fairfield Osborne, one of the most eminent scientists in the world to-day, will come next year, to make his contribution to the work.

DR. V. K. TING'S WINE WORK.

Mr. Andrews spoke of the aid which has been received from the careful work which has been done by the Chinese Geological Society. He especially mentioned Dr. Ting. He said that the greatest help had been received from this organization and that the Asiatic Expedition was prepared to hand over to the former, the latter's research reports.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

SATURDAY'S MEETING.

Favoured with ideal weather, the annual athletic sports meeting of the Hongkong University was successfully held on the University recreation ground, Pokfulam, on Saturday afternoon. There was a large gathering of enthusiastic spectators present. Competition was very keen, and the meet will be long remembered as the most successful held by the premier Educational Institution, especially in view of the fact that many previous records were broken. D. K. Samy, Cheah Toon Lok D. Laing and Tso Pin Yuen are young athletes of whom any University might well be proud, their performances in the various track events being above the ordinary. Lugard Hall, the most successful of all the hostels, numbers among its many triumphs the Championship of the meet, and the leadership of the Interhostel Football League.

The band of the Y.M.C.A., which brightened the proceedings with a fine programme of music, thoroughly deserved the praise of H.E. Dr. Claud Severn at the distribution of the prizes. This ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. Severn who was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

RESULTS.

The results were as follows: Kicking the Football—1, C. I. Chow.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, Cheah Toon Lok.

100 Yards—1, Cheah Toon Lok; 2, Tso Pin Yuen.

220 Yards (for schools)—1, S. A. Rumjahn (St. Joseph's); 2, J. Ackbar (St. Joseph's).

220 Yards—1, D. K. Samy; 2, Hsu Pin Yuen.

Putting the Weight (15 lbs.)—1, S. C. Yang; 2, T. S. Khoo.

One Mile—1, D. Laing; 2, Ting Siew Choon; 3, Wong Sick Tin.

Long Jump—1, Cheah Toon Lok; 2, T. E. Yeoh.

440 Yards—1, D. K. Samy; 2, Cheah Toon Lok.

Pole Jump—1, C. Thong Kam; 2, Keng Shu Chin.

High Jump—1, D. K. Samy; 2, T. S. Khoo.

Half Mile—1, D. Laing; 2, Hsu Pin Yuen; 3, Lee Choon Eng.

Tug-of-War—Won by Lugard Hall (St. Joseph's); 1, S. A. M. Saper; 2, T. E. Yeoh.

Egg and Spoon (for girls)—1, E. Rened (Diocesan Girls); 2, Lo Chun Kwan (St. Stephen's).

Relay Race—Won by Lugard Hall Team (D. K. Samy, S. A. M. Saper, D. Laing and Yeoh Teik Eng).

The following is a list of the officials and others connected with the sports:

Patron: H.E. the Officer Administering the Government.

Chairman: Mr. N. T. Mackintosh.

Judges: Messrs. W. J. Hinton, L. Forster, E. W. L. Martin.

Referee: Mr. C. A. Middleton.

Starter: Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn.

Timekeepers: H.E. Dr. Claud Severn, Mr. M. H. Roffey.

Stewards: Messrs. M. J. Fenton, Lim Eng Hae, Y. C. Teh.

Clerk of the Course: Messrs. James King, R. Robertson.

Sports Committee: Sir William Brunyate, K.C.M.G., Dr. G. P. Jordan, L.L.D., Messrs. R. K. M. Simpson, D. K. Samy, R. W. Barney, T. S. Wong, N. M. Lim (Hon. Secretary).

JUVENILE SOCIETY.

A TREAT FOR CHILDREN.

Saturday was a red letter day for the Portuguese children of Hongkong when the eighth annual athletic sports meeting of the Juvenile Society was held at the Racecourse, by kind permission of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club. A large crowd of parents and friends attended, and the afternoon's sport was thoroughly enjoyed by both young and old. The youngsters exhibited great enthusiasm and keen, sporting rivalry was manifested between those living on the Island and their friends from the mainland. Great interest and considerable excitement prevailed principally in the team race and tug-of-war, in which the best of Hongkong and Kowloon were pitted against each other. Hongkong won the tug-of-war for the adults, and Kowloon secured the victory in the children's pull. The honours for the team race were secured by the representatives of Hongkong. The adults' tug-of-war was of particular interest and the subject of much speculation in view of Kowloon's easy win at the Lusitano Club sports; but Hongkong had a well-balanced side out on Saturday, and won in two straight pulls without any difficulty.

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OLD COINS IN CHINESE CITY.

A morsel of unwritten history saw the light a few days ago near the old Magistrate's garden in the native city, Shanghai. Workmen engaged on excavation at the new water-works site dug up a number of jata bags containing coins, inscribed "Wong Woo," "Hsuan Tek," and "Chia Cheng" (Ming Dynasty). The astonished workmen lost no time in offering some of the coins for sale to passers-by and a large crowd was quickly attracted by this unusual and no doubt fascinating sight.

It was inevitable, of course, that where money was in process of changing hands an official should appear. A Chinese police constable looked into the matter, reported to an inspector, and the inspector promptly annexed the money bags and carried them off to headquarters, on the principle that treasure trove is the property of the Government.

Zeal of this kind deserves reward, and we should not be at all surprised if, in this connection, the inspector's intelligence anticipates forgetfulness on the part of his august masters, says the N.C.D. News.

TOKYO CONFLAGRATION.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

6,500 PEOPLE HOMELESS.

Tokyo, April 7.—The total area over which the conflagration has swept in Asakusa, Tokyo, amounts to more than 86,000 tsubo (approximately 630 acres), and 2,122 houses were entirely destroyed and 75 houses partially burned, rendering 6,500 people homeless and leaving over 120 casualties. The loss of property is estimated at about ¥7,500,000. The City of Tokyo is contemplating project to the devastated area and to expand the benefits to the sufferers.

The Emperor and Empress are reported to have administered relief to the sufferers.

A neat story from America: Webster, the dictionary man, had a pretty housemaid in his employ and was caught by his wife kissing the domestic beauty. She said: "Webster, I am surprised." To which the lexicographer replied: "My dear, I must admit that you find me in an embarrassing position. Nevertheless I cannot permit such a gross misuse of the English language to go uncorrected. You, my dear, are astounded. I am surprised."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LABOUR TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, April 16th (12.30 p.m.). The miners' delegate conference has been fixed for April 22nd. In the meantime there will be no resumption of coal-mining.

The miners want, according to Mr. Hodgson, a permanent wages system operating nationally and uniformly, so as to cover discrepancies between the productive and the unproductive coal-fields. Consequently, there is a demand for a national board to apportion wages, and for a national pool, by which the profits of the richer miners may assist the poorer.

LONDON, April 16th (2.15 p.m.). Yesterday was the heaviest defeat which has befallen the Labour movement within the memory of man.

These words in the *Daily Herald*, today, sum up the result of the railwaymen's and transport workers' dramatic refusal at the eleventh hour to support the miners by permitting a general strike.

Events on Thursday and Friday—the almost accidental discussion between certain members of Parliament and the coal-owners and workers, the declaration of Mr. Hodgson, the miners' leader, that they were willing to consider provisional settlement of the wages question, the mid-

night interview with the Premier and his invitation for a fresh conference, the final breakdown of the allied Unions on this ground—all this must not be taken as representing the whole of the inner truth of the situation.

The *Daily Herald* itself admits to-day that the root-cause of the defeat was the lack of solidarity in the whole movement, in organisation, understanding and sympathy. It is beyond question that the leaders of the railwaymen and transport workers were rightly uncertain as to the response of the rank and file to the strike summons.

Except in one or two districts in Scotland, there is complete orderliness, and there is a general depression at the prospect of involuntary unemployment. With this temper prevailing the strike must in any case have been half-hearted and unsuccessful, resulting in internal schisms in the railwaymen's and other Unions.

As things have turned out these Unions remain individual solidities. The Triple Alliance has been shattered for the time being beyond hope of reconstruction.

LONDON, April 16th (4.10 p.m.). No attempt was made, to-day, to heal the breach between the miners and their Triple Alliance colleagues. Each side has taken decisions which have decided, pending the outcome of the conference on April 22nd, to return home, where, in the words of the official statement, they will discuss the whole of the facts with their own district members, preparatory to returning to London to draw up a report for submission to Friday's gathering.

The railwaymen and transport workers' executives, also, met and subsequently issued a statement, saying that the cancellation of the strike was due to the lack of solidarity which manifested itself yesterday morning. They express regret at the necessity of taking the step they have taken.

The *Westminster Gazette* states that the miners' executive rejected Mr. Lloyd George's invitation to a conference with the coal-owners, yesterday morning, by a majority of 100 to 50. Mr. Hodgson then resigned his office, but his resignation was not accepted.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

LONDON, April 17th. In the hull in the industrial situation attention turns to the threat of an international crisis with the approach of May 1st—the latest date for Germany's meeting her financial obligations. The Berlin and Paris Governments are both fully occupied with the problem. Berlin is anxiously endeavouring to forestall further sanctions. The German Press speaks of fresh proposals, which are to be submitted in a few days through the intermediary of the German Minister of Reconstruction, containing economic penalties and of Marshal Foch, advocating the calling up of the 1918 and 1919 classes, and extending occupation beyond Ruhr over a portion of the Westphalian industrial area.

Paris, April 16th. The Chamber has adopted the motion regarding the 50 per cent. duty on all German goods imported into France. The proceeds are to be credited against German obligations under the Peace Treaty. According to some reports a conference is to meet to-day under the presidency of M. Millerand to consider the coercive measures to be adopted, in case Germany again attempts to dodge her liabilities. Military measures, in conjunction with the Allied Powers, are contemplated, including occupation of the Ruhr district, and, perhaps, the blockade of Hamburg.

An Inter-Allied Conference will, possibly, take place in Paris at the beginning of May, and it is confidently expected that Mr. Lloyd George will be able to participate.—*Reuter*.

GERMAN REPARATION RECOVERY ACT.

LONDON, April 17th. The Board of Trade has issued an order that articles imported into the United Kingdom before May 15th will be exempt from the provisions of the German Reparation Recovery Act, which imposes a 50 per cent. tax, if it is proved that they are imported in pursuance of a contract made prior to March 8th, and left the place from which they were consigned to the United Kingdom prior to April 8th.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

Paris, April 16th. *Le Matin's* New York correspondent says it is highly probable that President Harding will shortly instruct Mr. Boyden to resume his seat at the Reparations Commission, also the Ambassador Mr. Wallace to participate again in the Ambassadors' Council.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL.

LONDON, April 16th. In the Association football Scottish Cup final, Partick Thistle beat Glasgow Rangers, by one goal to nil.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FRENCH COLONIES.

PARIS, April 16th. M. Albert Sarraut, Minister of Colonies and a former Governor of French Indo-China, has submitted to the Senate a bill respecting the complete re-organization of the French Colonial Empire from an economical viewpoint. Each Colony is to receive special treatment according to its own particular needs, railway and water traffic is to be intensified and production promoted in every way. The natives' welfare is provided for. The execution of the vast programme is to be distributed over a period of 15 years.—*Reuter*.

DISASTROUS TORNADO.

NEW YORK, April 17th. A tornado has swept over Southern Arkansas, causing widespread havoc. At least 50 persons have been killed, and hundreds have been wounded.

FIGHTING ON AFGHAN FRONTIER.

SIMLA, April 16th. Severe fighting is reported in the Wana Mahsud areas, following the re-appearance of the notorious Afghan adventurer Abdul Razak, who organised the hostile Waziri Mahsuds. Most of the fighting was at Boghakot, which was captured on April 15th by the 1st Dogra Infantry, however, subsequently driven back. The enemy casualties were 10 killed and 35 wounded, and our casualties were 3 killed and 41 wounded. Boghakot was recaptured on April 16th.

Further severe fighting took place on April 16th, when 300 Mahsuds attacked a company of the 50th Panjabis, whose losses were 25 killed and 24 wounded, including one British officer killed.

French British operations have been begun.

CAIRO CAUSE CELEBRE.

CAIRO, April 17th. The cause celebre tried by Mr. Justice Trian, the new Judge of the Supreme Court at Shanghai, ended in the engineer, Sir William Willcocks, who was found guilty of criminal libel and sedition, being bound over for a year in sureties of £1,000, after which he may be deported if his presence in Egypt is considered undesirable.

The case arose from an enquiry by the Nile Irrigation Projects Commission into charges by Sir William Willcocks and Colonel Kennedy that Sir Murdoch Macdonald, the Public Works Adviser, had falsified documents to suppress facts.

DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, April 16th. Mr. Rogers, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, has introduced into the House of Representatives a resolution inviting Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to attend an armament conference in Washington, but emphasizing the necessity of the United States having a navy second to none, until disarmament is agreed upon.

NEW FRENCH STEAMSHIP CO.

PARIS, April 16th. The report on the bill concerning steamship services to the Far East, Australasia, East Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean, which has been placed on the table in the Chamber, specifies that the Messageries Maritimes shall cease to be State-subsidised, and a new company, based on the regie system, will be formed which will be capitalised at sixty million francs. The measure involves alterations of mail routes.

PERSIAN GOVERNOR'S ARREST.

ALLAHABAD, April 16th. A message from Teheran says that the Persian Government has placed under arrest Prince Sarjam-e-Dowlah, Governor of Kermanshah and one of the originators of the Anglo-Persian Agreement.

AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL LIFE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17th. Mr. Hoover, in a speech here, advocated the re-organization of the Federal Government, particularly as regards the duties of the Department of Commerce. He said: "The economic changes in the world, originating from the war, and the reaction in American trade and industry make it vital, if we are to maintain the standards of living against the increasing ferocity of competition that we should concentrate and enlarge our national effort in aiding, protecting, stimulating and perfecting our industrial and commercial life."

OBITUARY.

LONDON, April 16th. The death has taken place of General Sir John Steven Cowans, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., at Mentone. (Sir John Cowans was Quartermaster-General of the Forces, War Office, from 1912 to 1919, and a member of the Army Council in the War. Four years of his Army career were spent in India. He was a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour and held the following orders: Crown of Belgium, Crown of Italy, Sacred Treasure of Japan, Holy Redeemer (Greece), and Chieftain of China. Sir John Cowans was in his 60th year.)

SHIPPING DIVIDENDS.

The China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., Liverpool, announces a dividend and bonus making 56 per cent. for the year—the same as for each of the last three years. The company is in the habit of putting large sums to the reserve, and although portions of the fund were capitalised in 1900 and 1916 it is still £1,000,000, which is much more than the share capital.

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To be pale is no longer the fashion: to be languid is an affliction. To-day the most winsome girl is the one with the pink tinge of health in her cheeks, lips naturally red and eyes sparkling with life. Add to this a quick active step and anyone can tell the girl whose veins are full of the pure, rich blood of health.

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"Month after month went by without any improvement. In fact, although I consulted doctors and took their medicine, I gradually grew weaker, and became more worried and disheartened."

"Eventually a friend advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to try them. After one bottle there was some improvement, so I continued the treatment."

"I soon began to get my appetite back; the listlessness disappeared, and I became less hurried after exertion. My cheeks lost their pallor, and I felt more vigorous. The periodic pains no longer troubled me, and all signs of anemic vanished."

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KOWLOON WEDDING.

SILVA-BARRETTO.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The Rosary Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon when the Rev. Fr. Spada married Mr. Frederico L. Silva, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, to Miss Nydia M. Barretto, daughter of Mr. A. D. Barretto, of Messrs. J. M. Rocha and Co.

The bride, who was given away by her father Mr. A. D. Barretto, was attended by Misses M. Monteiro, Al. Leon, and O. Barretto, as bridesmaids, and Misses M. Cruz and L. Cruz as flower girls.

The bride's dress, charmingly trimmed with chintilly lace and pearls was supplied by Maison Lily. Mr. O. D. Barretto acted as best-man, assisted by Mr. A. A. Baptista. After the ceremony at the church a very pleasant reception was held at the Club de Recreio where the happy couple were congratulated by their numerous friends.

The honeymoon in being spent at coast ports.

The presents, which were numerous and costly, included the following—Bride to bridegroom, diamond scarf pin; bridegroom to bride, diamond bracelet; bridegroom to bridesmaids, gold vanity cases; bride's parents, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Silva (bridegroom's parents) cheque; and Mr. E. J. Silva, cheque.

Four non-fatal cases of enteric fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, Mr. J. M. S. Xavier, of No. 13, Morrison Hill Road, was summoned by the Hongkong Tramway Company, for having unlawfully and wilfully interfered with the comfort of the passengers of tram car No. 21, and having obstructed and impeded the conductor of the car in the execution of his duty; also with having assaulted the conductor. Mr. T. Rowan, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of "not guilty." After Counsel had addressed the Magistrate on the evidence, the latter fined the defendant \$10 on the charge of assault and \$5 for obstructing the conductor in the execution of his duty. The Magistrate said he would dismiss the other charge.

Mr. S. T. Williamson, of Messrs. Moller and Co. returned to the Colony to-day by the s.s. "Kanowna" after spending a holiday in Australia and New Zealand.

Having foolishly attempted to cross the rails in front of an incoming train at Yau-mat, yesterday, a coolie woman was knocked down and severely injured. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital where she is now in a critical condition.

The coxswain of motor boat K2 has reported to the police that about 10 a.m., on April 17, he was on his way from Kowloon to Blake Pier, when the steam launch "Sibnite" collided with him, causing damage to the extent of \$70.

A Chinese, employed as coolie foreman at Holt's wharf, was killed at his house in Canton Road, Yau-mat, yesterday, through a portable latrine falling on him. He died a few minutes after, on the way to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Before Magistrate Orme this morning, a Chinese youth was charged with having snatched a gold neck chain and jade pendant from a Chinese girl at Sheklongchui at 1.15 a.m., on Saturday. The defendant denied that he was the thief. He said he was taking a stroll when he heard a police whistle. He started to run to see what was the matter when the Indian caught him. The real thief ran past him. He tried to catch him but was not successful. The Magistrate passed sentence to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the first day.

Three Chinese, one of whom was the manager of a Chinese shop in Connaught Road West, were this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 14,000 "Raven" cigarettes. According to the prosecution, one of the defendants and another man were seen leaving the s.s. "Sulitai" with a number of baskets, boxes and packages. They were followed to the shop at No. 51 Connaught Road West. The Magistrate fined the master of the ship \$400. The man who was identified as one of the two seen transporting the cigarettes from the wharf to the shop was fined \$150. The other man was discharged. The cigarettes were confiscated.

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For MONDAY, APRIL 18.
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Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 19.
Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, EGYPT and EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 5 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.
Hoibow and Haiphong 8 a.m.
Samsui, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
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Samsui, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
Samsui, North China and Japan 11 a.m.
Tourane 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.
Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong 8 a.m.
Samsui, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 22.
Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong 8 a.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 24.
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"GOLDEN STATE" DESCRIBED.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co., managing agents here for the United States Shipping Board, announce the arrival of the new passenger and freight steamer "Golden State." The public are cordially invited to visit this vessel between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. Launches will be available from Blake Pier during the above hours.

This steamer is the first of the five steamers of the "535" type assigned to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The others: the "Empire State," "Palmetto State," "Hoosier State" and "Lone Star State," will follow upon completion of construction and will be operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in their service from San Francisco to Hongkong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Manila.

The "Golden State" is 535 ft. in length, with a beam of 72 feet. She is of 21,167 tons displacement and has a regular speed of 17 knots and is capable of doing 20 knots in an emergency.

Her accommodation provides for 259 first class and 300 steerage passengers. No expense has been spared in the construction of the "Golden State," and passengers are assured of every comfort in the way of large, roomy cabins, spring beds and private tub and shower baths. Her cargo capacity is 11,000 tons, and she is equipped with all the latest cargo gear for efficient and speedy handling of freight.

WIDOW ROBBED.

EARLY MORNING SCUFFLE.

VIOLENCE ALLEGED.

Particulars of a heartless robbery were related to the Police Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when a Chinese pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery.

The following jury was empanelled—Joaquim Teller d'Almeida (foreman), Poon Icho, George V. Hughes, C. J. Bertil Hellstrom, Raphael Emanuel Hyndman, George Henry Kemp, and Edward Stephen Ford.

Mr. Dyer Ball, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that about 4.30 on the morning of March 11, a widow living in a house at Po Kung village with her mother-in-law, came out of the house with the intention of catching the first ferry from Kowloon City to Kowloon. As she got outside the house she saw a bundle of grass in the gutter. A man with a piece of cloth tied round his neck and torch in his hand suddenly emerged from the bundle and made towards the woman who attempted to regain the house. She managed to shut the door but the man forced his way in. The intruder threw her on the floor. When she shouted for help a second man appeared and seized her by the neck from behind and threatened to kill her with a small knife which he kept pointed at her throat. After examining the contents of a small box near the bed, the other man approached the woman and rubbed pepper in her face. While he was doing this she had a good view of him as there was a light in the room. She now identified him as the man in the dock. Taking with them the box containing certain articles of clothing and about \$8 in cash, the robbers then departed. The case is proceeding.

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